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Serial No.: 10/632,581 Examiner: J. Hama, Ph.D.
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For : STEM CELLS ORIGINATING FROM ADIPOSE TISSUE AND
DIFFERENTIATED CELLS DERIVED FROM THESE STEM CELLS

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 27, 2007 FINAL OFFICE ACTION,
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PETITION FOR A FIVE-
MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AS A SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(C)
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This Amendment is a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c) accompanying an RCE and responds to a February 27, 2007 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 27, 2007 Final Office Action was originally due May 27, 2007. Applicants mailed a Notice of Appeal and Petition for Three-Month Extension Of Time to the U.S. Patent Office on August 27, 2007, which was received on August 30, 2007. As a result an appeal brief was initially due October 30, 2007. Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time. The required fee for a five-month extension of time is TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS (\$2,230.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a five-month extension of time, a response is due March 30, 2008. However, since March 30, 2008 falls on a Sunday, a response filed Monday, March 31, 2008, i.e. the next business day, shall be considered timely. Accordingly, the RCE and

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this Amendment are being timely filed.

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